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REPORT ON WELL COMPLETIONS IN THE UNITED STATES[1]

Wells actually completed in the current month may not be reported until several months later. The chart shown below illustrates the cumulative number of well completions for the current month and each of the eleven prior months, as now reported to the API. For comparison purposes, a corresponding curve describes the data, as then reported to the API, for the same twelve-month period a year ago.

These data are preliminary and subject to revision. The number of wells shown in the chart excludes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. The geographic distribution for wells and footage is not published on a monthly basis, but is available from the API's "Quarterly Completion Report."

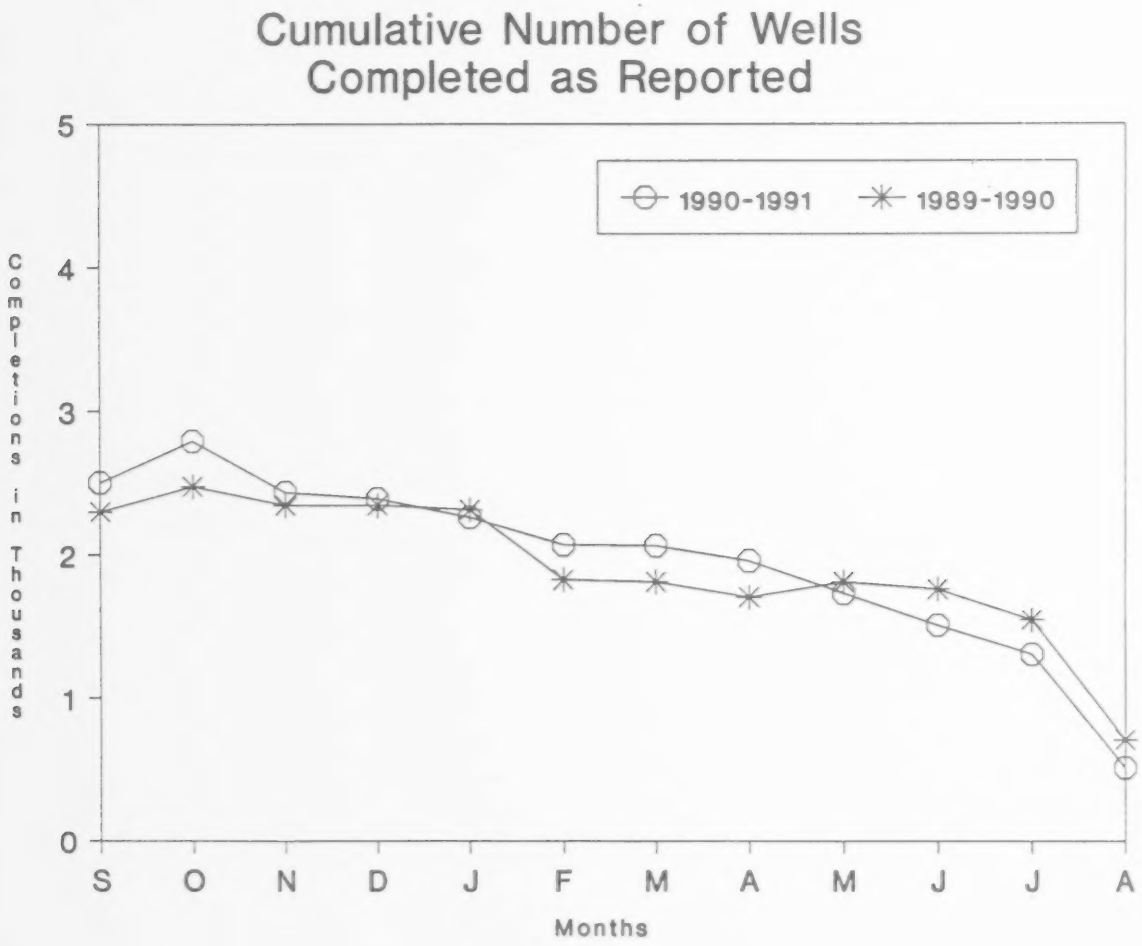

TABLE I: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF TOTAL WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF AUGUST 30, 1991[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES		TOTAL ALL WELLS[4]	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1991	5,859	30,136,485	3,724	20,121,558	3,844	20,831,825	13,427	71,089,868	13,783	72,305,497
1991: AUG	201	955,586	54	367,592	259	1,244,142	514	2,567,320	528	2,619,885
JUL	555	2,826,893	300	1,775,059	454	2,307,311	1,309	6,909,263	1,350	7,056,243
JUN	617	3,120,775	433	2,466,868	464	2,494,712	1,514	8,082,355	1,553	8,230,498
MAY	722	3,811,293	499	2,749,012	517	2,555,888	1,738	9,116,193	1,778	9,244,649
APR	843	4,481,904	577	3,164,143	539	2,992,654	1,959	10,638,701	2,005	10,817,795
MAR	923	4,832,871	601	3,243,132	540	3,098,158	2,064	11,174,161	2,111	11,376,782
FEB	961	4,846,215	569	3,084,769	540	3,050,614	2,070	10,981,598	2,120	11,135,548
JAN	1,037	5,260,948	691	3,270,983	531	3,088,346	2,259	11,620,277	2,338	11,824,097
TOTAL 1990	11,070	50,831,457	9,243	47,441,090	7,782	41,240,440	28,095	139,512,987	28,856	141,640,730
1990: DEC	984	4,894,598	749	3,916,054	657	3,600,537	2,390	12,411,189	2,450	12,592,686
NOV	993	4,472,451	680	3,496,810	762	3,682,028	2,435	11,651,289	2,510	11,843,979
OCT	1,104	4,912,068	941	4,545,779	746	3,868,721	2,791	13,326,568	2,838	13,473,548
SEP	975	4,298,017	854	4,180,918	674	3,551,401	2,503	12,030,336	2,547	12,144,626
AUG	1,025	4,384,595	910	4,182,078	691	3,368,525	2,626	11,935,198	2,693	12,091,243
JUL	897	4,002,251	852	4,140,084	666	3,441,492	2,415	11,583,827	2,471	11,739,205
JUN	858	3,910,940	793	3,793,198	653	3,456,785	2,304	11,160,923	2,391	11,395,568
MAY	808	3,943,072	723	3,704,339	589	3,149,982	2,120	10,797,393	2,209	11,009,565
APR	805	3,746,587	599	3,271,241	586	3,329,939	1,990	10,347,767	2,055	10,508,831
MAR	836	3,955,288	651	3,768,669	554	2,957,666	2,041	10,681,623	2,097	10,858,863
FEB	818	3,744,467	676	3,889,482	513	2,923,001	2,007	10,556,950	2,055	10,727,722
JAN	967	4,567,123	815	4,552,438	691	3,910,363	2,473	13,029,924	2,540	13,254,894
TOTAL 1989	10,129	42,636,412	8,899	46,073,905	8,179	41,840,446	27,207	130,550,763	27,867	132,756,759
1989 DEC	930	4,039,385	811	4,524,341	738	3,987,248	2,479	12,550,974	2,528	12,702,959
NOV	916	3,835,083	815	4,264,172	738	3,845,024	2,469	11,944,279	2,541	12,190,487
OCT	933	3,947,785	853	4,233,423	814	4,000,375	2,600	12,181,583	2,655	12,393,028
SEP	839	3,641,897	815	4,002,988	739	3,798,654	2,393	11,443,539	2,424	11,563,481
AUG	965	3,695,164	845	4,285,948	718	3,653,416	2,528	11,634,528	2,617	11,887,245
JUL	860	3,367,744	780	3,936,881	698	3,465,233	2,338	10,769,858	2,398	10,975,173
JUN	827	3,676,749	713	3,425,107	687	3,454,195	2,227	10,556,051	2,283	10,707,408
MAY	870	3,542,815	622	3,202,789	658	3,182,488	2,150	9,928,092	2,200	10,078,840
APR	881	3,497,090	596	3,203,559	656	3,382,834	2,133	10,083,483	2,180	10,246,874
MAR	696	3,000,272	654	3,503,258	609	3,050,409	1,959	9,553,939	2,015	9,774,733
FEB	587	2,643,707	631	3,499,613	465	2,553,915	1,683	8,697,235	1,715	8,835,314
JAN	825	3,748,721	764	3,991,826	659	3,466,655	2,248	11,207,202	2,311	11,401,217
TOTAL 1988	13,343	57,304,842	8,277	43,936,824	10,023	52,109,465	31,643	153,351,131	32,648	156,350,961
TOTAL 1987	16,240	65,568,422	7,840	41,498,999	11,365	54,509,932	35,445	161,577,353	36,363	164,347,035

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TABLE II: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF EXPLORATORY WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF AUGUST 30, 1991[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1991	318	2,066,136	213	1,456,135	1,750	10,236,179	2,281	13,758,450
1991: AUG	8	62,777	4	27,208	127	606,178	139	696,163
JUL	33	229,864	16	80,285	215	1,223,300	264	1,533,449
JUN	37	228,535	22	156,062	205	1,191,936	264	1,576,533
MAY	32	196,741	28	228,520	226	1,203,337	286	1,628,598
APR	49	343,254	29	218,346	245	1,469,936	323	2,031,536
MAR	53	355,663	26	161,694	248	1,554,554	327	2,071,911
FEB	46	306,057	48	327,544	243	1,505,919	337	2,139,520
JAN	60	343,245	40	256,476	241	1,481,019	341	2,080,740
TOTAL 1990	618	4,148,219	572	3,849,597	3,642	21,038,124	4,832	29,035,940
1990: DEC	50	379,544	44	273,532	331	1,835,162	425	2,488,238
NOV	46	312,825	33	254,856	334	1,818,324	413	2,386,005
OCT	60	325,687	59	369,981	350	2,011,898	469	2,707,566
SEP	51	332,011	38	277,953	305	1,723,630	394	2,333,594
AUG	72	451,204	61	378,004	291	1,617,971	424	2,447,179
JUL	52	368,377	57	355,440	328	1,791,608	437	2,515,425
JUN	55	403,897	47	329,758	310	1,757,645	412	2,491,300
MAY	41	264,859	42	307,550	257	1,554,546	340	2,126,955
APR	58	388,807	50	334,310	283	1,783,913	391	2,507,030
MAR	49	347,816	46	319,107	256	1,484,008	351	2,150,931
FEB	35	235,034	42	302,316	237	1,499,844	314	2,037,194
JAN	49	338,158	53	346,790	360	2,159,575	462	2,844,523
TOTAL 1989	598	3,556,307	670	4,295,201	3,943	21,619,580	5,211	29,471,088
1989: DEC	48	304,600	61	378,693	374	2,041,518	483	2,724,811
NOV	49	287,229	59	344,499	374	2,149,815	482	2,781,543
OCT	38	225,356	52	306,243	395	2,152,046	485	2,683,645
SEP	71	407,639	57	315,257	356	1,987,760	484	2,710,656
AUG	56	285,285	60	432,135	325	1,871,160	441	2,588,580
JUL	50	301,847	51	356,373	323	1,886,543	424	2,544,763
JUN	44	250,093	59	366,785	322	1,652,787	425	2,269,665
MAY	40	266,642	48	323,186	318	1,626,811	406	2,216,639
APR	63	370,697	52	306,234	288	1,553,948	403	2,230,879
MAR	50	337,932	51	341,402	299	1,521,209	400	2,200,543
FEB	43	258,756	53	370,830	238	1,371,405	334	2,000,991
JAN	46	260,231	67	453,564	331	1,804,578	444	2,518,373
TOTAL 1988	813	4,925,226	698	4,701,848	4,746	26,875,216	6,257	36,502,290
TOTAL 1987	696	5,304,209	698	4,615,270	5,204	27,309,354	6,798	37,228,833

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TABLE III: TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS AND FOOTAGE ADDITIONS[1] BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR REPORTED TO THE API DURING AUGUST 1991

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS AND DRY HOLES		TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[4] CURRENT MONTH	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1991	1,020	4,685,128	749	3,771,204	669	3,436,192	2,438	11,892,524	2,549	12,253,477
1991: AUG	201	955,586	54	367,592	259	1,244,142	514	2,567,320	528	2,619,885
JUL	399	2,087,340	266	1,537,230	221	1,136,347	886	4,760,917	915	4,871,324
JUN	136	686,398	194	926,994	80	507,431	410	2,120,823	426	2,174,554
MAY	48	248,209	120	502,406	31	124,804	199	875,419	218	951,680
APR	70	233,579	63	228,977	27	146,612	160	609,168	168	631,891
MAR	59	196,217	22	86,823	18	97,947	99	380,987	105	402,304
FEB	58	135,086	15	56,431	16	87,190	89	278,707	95	287,333
JAN	49	142,713	15	64,751	17	91,719	81	299,183	94	314,506
TOTAL 1990	162	444,996	70	307,491	60	286,401	292	1,038,888	314	1,088,762
1990: DEC	44	112,624	16	78,059	14	101,603	74	292,286	82	305,999
NOV	45	80,217	6	16,291	14	97,211	65	193,719	66	194,919
OCT	23	69,194	8	27,186	1	960	32	97,340	35	110,953
SEP	15	52,006	9	30,389	7	10,569	31	92,964	31	92,964
AUG	11	26,540	3	15,962	8	11,406	22	53,908	22	53,908
JUL	3	10,358	3	13,919	5	13,223	11	37,500	11	37,500
JUN	3	10,787	2	9,197	3	12,400	8	32,384	14	50,104
MAY	5	10,095	1	2,298	2	13,100	8	25,493	10	27,750
APR	5	18,358	0	0	4	18,348	9	36,706	11	38,077
MAR	3	21,997	15	64,979	0	0	18	86,976	18	86,976
FEB	2	22,987	2	7,669	0	0	4	30,656	4	30,656
JAN	3	9,833	5	41,542	2	7,581	10	58,956	10	58,956
TOTAL 1989	6	18,251	4	31,731	4	17,582	14	67,564	17	72,247
1989: DEC	0	0	1	7,000	0	0	1	7,000	1	7,000
NOV	0	0	1	1,300	0	0	1	1,300	2	2,350
OCT	2	3,410	0	0	0	0	2	3,410	3	3,597
SEP	2	6,310	0	0	0	0	2	6,310	2	6,310
AUG	0	0	0	0	1	690	1	690	1	690
JUL	0	0	1	13,585	2	8,688	3	22,273	3	22,273
JUN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3,446
MAY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
APR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MAR	0	0	1	9,846	0	0	1	9,846	1	9,846
FEB	0	0	0	0	1	8,204	1	8,204	1	8,204
JAN	2	8,531	0	0	0	0	2	8,531	2	8,531
TOTAL 1988	6	16,306	3	14,273	2	8,300	11	38,879	14	40,970
YRS PRIOR TO 1988	7	35,239	5	25,591	5	16,148	17	76,978	37	110,297
TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[5]	1,201	5,199,920	831	4,150,290	740	3,764,623	2,772	13,114,833	2,931	13,565,753

See footnotes on page 5.

TABLE I AND TABLE II:

1. The cumulative number of wells reported in this table is the total number of wells included in the API database for each of the months and years shown, as of August 30, 1991. These data are preliminary and subject to further revisions.

2. Includes multiple completion wells which produce oil from at least one zone, but may produce gas from one or more zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well.

3. Includes multiple completion wells which produce gas from all zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well. Gas wells also include so-called condensate wells.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. (Not applicable to Table II.)

TABLE III:

1. Total number of wells received by the API during the report month and classified by completion month and year. These wells are included in Tables I and II.

2. See footnote (2) above.

3. See footnote (3) above.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells.

5. Total wells reported are those received by the API for the report period July 27, 1991 through August 30, 1991. The sub-totals shown for each yearly period may not add up to the total wells reported for the period. Some wells, received during the report period, may have been completed in years prior to those shown in Table III.